

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Van Zandt, Henderson, Anderson, and Cherokee counties; Anderson the returning county.—John Young Gooch, of Palestine, Anderson county, was born in Rumsay county, Kentucky, November 30, 1848, came to Texas in 1852, settled in Palestine, January 9, 1853, studied law and commenced practice in Athens, Henderson county, in 1869, was elected to the Senate November 5, 1878, as a Democratic nominee over Frank Templeton, Independent, by a majority of 950; re-elected November 7, 1882, as the Democratic nominee over the same opponent in an enlarged district, by a majority of 701. During his first term as Senator was the chairman of the Committee of Public Debt, and in the present Senate, chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 2. Term expires November, 1884.